Application from Coca-Cola Company to establish a unit at Noida Export precessing Zone

1006. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the Coca-Cola Company's application for establishing a unit in the Export processing Zone area in NOIDA and state:—

(a) what are the details of the processing proposed to be done by the Cola Company in the Export Processing Zone area in NOIDA;

(b) what is the customs tariff nomenclature and the number of items that will be manufactured by the Coca Cola Company in NOIDA; and

(c) what is the import duty rate on the items to be sold in the domestic tariff area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The company has proposed to produce proprietory compound preparations and extracts to be used in the manufacture of concentrates for non-alcoholic beverages. The raw materials consist of emulsion of natural essential oils, flavours and caramel colour. The cost of imported raw material is Rs. 175.18 lakhs and of indigenous raw materials Rs. 157.17 lakhs over a five year period. The cost of the processing plant and machinery is about Rs. 163 lakhs. Specific details of the proposed technical operations have not been indicated by the company.

(c) The rate of duty at present on items under Tariff nomenclature 21.06 (2106.90) CTA is 145 per cent (100 per cent basic and 45 per cent Auxilary).

Extension of Deposit Scheme for retiring Government employees

1007. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry has urged Government to extend the 'Deposit Scheme' for retiring Government employees as announced at the time of presentation of Central Budget for the year 1989-90:

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government thereto; and

(c) by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The suggestion of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry to extend the coverage of the Deposit Scheme for retiring Government employees as announced at the time of presentation of the Central Budget for the year 1989-90 to other employees has been duly considered and it has not been possible to accept such a request.

(c) Does not arise.

Torture of Jodhpur detenus

1008. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statements which appeared in the Punjab newspaper "AJIT" published from Jalandhar regarding the incidents of torture and humiliation meted out to the recently released (March, 1989) Jodhpur detenus for nearly 15 days during the period from 23rd October, 1988 to 30th November, 1988;

(b) if so, whether Government have investigated these incidents;

(c) if not, whether Government plan to get these incidents investigated; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC

GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and it will be placed on the Table of the House.

News-item on Compensation system

1009. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 24th February, 1989 under the heading "Compensation system to be streamlined";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what amount of funds have been allocated for this purpose; and

(d) whether Government propose to implement this scheme in all States and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the two Schemes mentioned in the Press Report are as under:—

1. Personal Accident Insurance Social Security Scheme for Poor Families

The Personal Accident Insurance Social Security Scheme for Poor Families was announced in 1985-86 Budget for 100 districts in the country, to begin with. The Scheme was extended, in phases, to 214 districts in the country since its introduction on 15th August, 1985. With effect from 15th August, 1988, the Scheme has been extended to all the districts in the country which remained uncovered so far and thus the whole country now stands covered under the Scheme. The Scheme covers all people in the age group of 18 to 60 whose total family income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 7,200 per annum. A sum of Rs. 3,000 (and not Rs. 30,000 as mentioned in the Press Report) is payable to the dependents of the deceased earning members of poor families comprising of Landless Labourers, Small Farmers, Traditional Craftsmen etc. in the event of accidental death. The Scheme is administered through the General Insurance Corporation of India and its four subsidiaries *viz.* (i) National Insurance Co. Ltd., (ii) New India Assurance Co. Ltd., (iii) Oriental Insurance Co. Ltd. and (iv) United India Insurance Co. Ltd. with active collaboration of the State Governments/Union Territories. The entire premium cost in respect of the Scheme is borne by the Central Government.

2. Hut Insurance Scheme for Poor Families in Rural Areas

Hut Insurance Scheme for Poor Families in Rural Areas was introduced w.e.f. 1st May, 1988. The Scheme provides relief to poor families in rural areas when their huts and belongings are destroyed by fire. Poor families whose annual income does not exceed Rs. 4,800 are eligible under the Scheme. In the event of loss due to fire, the insurance company will pay to the insured a sum not exceeding Rs. 1,000 for hut and a sum not exceeding Rs. 500 for belongings in the hut destroyed by fire. The Scheme is being operated by General Insurance Corporation of India and its four subsidiaries. The entire premium cost in respect of the Scheme is borne by the Central Government.

(c) As stated above, the Central Government pays the premium to GIC for these two Schemes and in consideration thereof, the general insurance industry issues Master Policies covering the entire eligible population under the two Schemes. The claims under these two Schemes are paid by the general insurance industry only, and not by Govt.

(d) All the districts in every State/Union Territory in the country already stand covered under both the Schemes.